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A TECHNICALLY COMPLETE SOLID WASTE PERMIT
RENEWAL APPLICATION, PROPOSED PART 70 AIR
OPERATING PERMIT & THE ASSOCIATED
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STATEMENT FOR
WASTE MANAGEMENT OF LOUISIANA
WOODSIDE LANDFILL AND RECYCLING CENTER
WALKER, LIVINGSTON PARISH, LOUISIANA
Agency Interest Number 11767
Permit Number 1740-00025-V1, P-0080R1
Activity Tracking Number PER20070001,
PER20050001

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The Public Hearing held by the Department of
Environmental Quality, at the Livingston
Parish Courthouse, 20180 Iowa Street,
Courtroom 1, Livingston, Louisiana,
beginning at 6:32 p.m., on March 25, 2008.

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BEFORE:

Lori B. Overland
Certified Court Reporter
In and For the State of
Louisiana

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FOR THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY:

Allen Kirkpatrick and
Elliot Vega
Hearing Officers
Department of Environmental Quality
602 N. Fifth Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Good evening! Let the record reflect that the time is 6:32 p.m. My name is Allen Kirkpatrick. I am employed with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. I, along with Elliot Vega, who is also an attorney for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, will be serving as the hearing officers this evening, Tuesday, March 25, 2008.

This hearing is scheduled to accept public comments concerning the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Renewal Application, Proposed Part 70 Air Operating Permit and The Associated Environmental Assessment for the Waste Management of Louisiana, Woodside Landfill -- Woodside Landfill and Recycling Center, 29375 Woodside Drive, Walker, Louisiana 70785. Agency Interest Number 11767, Proposed Air Permit Number 1740-00025-V1 and Activity Tracking Number PER20070001, Waste Permit Number

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PER20050001. This site is located on
29375 Woodside Drive, approximately two
miles east of the town of Walker and
approximately one-half mile south of the
intersection of US Highway 190 and
Woodside Drive, Walker, Livingston
Parish, Louisiana.
Waste Management of Louisiana, LLC,
requested to renew their Standard Solid
Waste Permit to continue operation of
their existing Type I and Type II
Landfill. Also, the company requested a
revision to the Part 70 Air Operating
Permit for its Woodside Landfill and
Recycling Center (WRL - (WLRC). WLRC is
a municipal solid waste disposal facility
with a design capacity of 41,410,552
cubic yards (approximately 31,600,609
cubic meters). It receives a variety of
non-hazardous solid wastes (including
municipal solid waste, such as
residential and commercial solid waste,
and industrial waste), which are disposed
of by landfilling. A Gas Collection and

Control System (GCCS) was installed in
2003 to control landfill gas emissions.
Currently, the landfill is supported by a
variety of operations and maintenance-
related activities, including operation
and maintenance of mobile equipment, non-
mobile equipment powered by internal
combustion engines, leachate handling,
and the storage of motor fuels and
lubricants. It is anticipated that the
bioremediation of hydrocar -- of
hydrocarbon-contaminated sludge and soils
(non-hazardous) will take place at WLRC.

The proposed Part 70 air operating
permit was processed as an expedited
permit in accordance with LAC

33:I.Chapter 18.
The EAS submitted by the applicant
addresses avoidance of potential and real
environmental effects, balancing of
social and economic benefits against
environmental impact costs, and
alternative sites, projects, and
mitigative measures.

This hearing is not being conducted

in a question and answer format. Please
remember that the proposed -- the purpose
of this public hearing is to allow you,
the public, an opportunity to express
your thoughts concerning the Technical --
Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit
Renewal Application, Proposed Part 70 Air
Operating Permit and The Associated
Environmental Assessment Statement. I
will allow all interested parties a
reasonable opportunity to comment, unless
the testimony is not related to the

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purpose of this hearing.

This hearing is being held to give all individuals a chance to be heard, regardless of their position, on the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Renewal Application, Proposed Part 70 Air Operating Permit and The Associated Environmental Assessment Statement. Courteous behavior is expected of everyone at all times. You may speak in support of; in opposition to; or simply to provide additional information. Your comments will be evaluated and addressed

in the Department's written response.

A public notice advertising this public hearing and request for public comment on the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Renewal Application, Proposed Part 70 Air Permit - Air Operating Permit and The Associated Environmental Assessment Statement was published in The Advocate of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on February 14th and 16th, 2008, and the Livingston Parish News of Denham Springs, Louisiana, on February 14th and 17th, 2008.

Previous notices regarding different activities associated with the solid waste technically complete application have been published in The Ad - in The Advocate on September 22nd, December 6th, 15th and 20th, 2007, and the Livingston Parish News on September 23rd, December 6th, December 16th, and December 20th, 2007.

A copy of the technically complete solid waste permit renewal application, air permit application, proposed permit,

statement of basis, worksheet for Technical Review, and the EAS are available for inspection and review at the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Viewing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays. The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov.

Additional copies are also available for review at the Livingston Parish President's Office, 20180 Iowa Street, Livingston, Louisiana 70754, and the Denham Springs-Walker Branch Library, 239 Florida Avenue, Southeast -- excuse me -- Denham Springs, Louisiana 70727-1838. In addition, copies of the public notice were mailed to individuals who have requested to be placed on the mailing

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25 list maintained by the Office of
0010 Environmental Services on February 12,
1 2008.

2 In accordance with the Louisiana
3 Administrative Code, Title 33, Part VII,
4 Section 509.F.7, and Title 33, Part III,
5 Section 531.A.C, comments received by
6 12:30 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2008, will
7 be considered prior to the final
8 decision. All oral comments received and
9 transcribed during this hearing, and
10 written comments received by 12:30 p.m.
11 on April 28, 2008, shall be retained by
12 the Department and considered in
13 determining whether to issue or deny the
14 Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit
15 Renewal Application and Proposed Part 70
16 Air Operating Permit.

17 Written comments on this Technically
18 Complete Solid Waste Permit Renewal
19 Application, Proposed Part 70 Air
20 Operating Permit and The Associated
21 Environmental Assessment Statement may be
22 submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn, LDEQ-OES,
23 Environmental Assistance Division, P.O.
24 Box 4313, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-
25 4313.

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1 Under Louisiana Revised Statutes,
2 Title 30:2017, as revised by the
3 legislature in the 2004 session, the
4 Department is required to follow the
5 following order with the provision that
6 the presiding officer may give a
7 preference to a public official to speak
8 at any time during the hearing. However,
9 any time limit set for the citizen
10 testimony shall apply to public
11 officials.

12 The Department is required to
13 provide up to 30 minutes to the permit
14 applicant for an introduce --
15 introductory presentation. Thereafter,
16 the preference for speaking up to one
17 hour is given as follows:

18 For the first hour, those citizens
19 who live within a two-mile radius of the
20 location of the facility;

21 For the second hour, those citizens
22 who work within a two-mile radius of the
23 facility;

24 And for the third hour, those
25 citizens who live within the parish of

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1 the location of the facility.

2 Thereafter, each hour of the hearing
3 shall alternate between those who are in
4 support of the Technically Complete Solid
5 Waste Permit Renewal Application,
6 Proposed Part 70 Air Operating Permit and
7 The Associated Environmental Assessment
8 Statement, and those who are opposed to

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Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit
Renewal Application, Proposed Part 70 Air
Operating Permit and The Associated
Environmental Assessment Statement.

The order of tonight's hearing will
be based on the information provided by
the speaker on the registration form.
Any - anyone who registered to speak,
but did not provide the necessary
information, will be given the
opportunity to speak; however, they will
be called last in the order of
registration.

This hearing is being transcribed;
therefore, I will ask each of you to
begin by stating, for the record, their
name, address and any organization he or

she may represent.

I would like to remind you to turn
off all your cell phones. Thank you.

At this time, I would like to ask
the permit applicant's representative to
come forward and make their introductory
presentation.

Just state your name and your
address for the record.

MR. MASON:

Sure. First of all, I'm David
Mason. I'm District Manager of Woodside
Landfill. My address is 29375 Woodside
Drive, is where I work. I live at 33825
Cypress Bluff. That's in Denham Springs,
Louisiana. I'm the District Manager,
again, of Woodside Landfill. I'd just
like for -- before we get started, for
the supporters and the people that come
to support Woodside Landfill just to
stand. I mean, I - I appreciate ya'll
coming, and thank you very much. Thank
you.

The title of this presentation is to
help Livingston Parish grow. I chose to

live and raise my family in Livingston
Parish. I - I've lived here for the
last 20 years. My sons were raised here.
Both of them are married. They live
here, in the parish. And we've hired a
small group of people that run Woodside
Landfill, that you'll see later in this
presentation, that has a tremendous
impact on Livingston Parish. Our parent
company is Waste Management of North
America. To tell you just a little bit
about Waste Management, it's the largest
provider of environmental waste services.
We operate, actually, 283 active
landfills. We're one of the largest
recyclers in North America. We have 400
collection operations. We serve 21
million residential and commercial
customers. We have our renewal energy

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21 projects, which would create enough
22 energy to power nearly one million homes.
23 And when I say, renewable energy, it's
24 two different projects that do that. One
25 is our gas that's produced from the
natural decomposition of garbage in

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1 landfills, the methane gas. We have 95
2 active projects that harvest the methane
3 that comes out of the landfill and
4 generate electricity for a number of
5 homes. We also have a parent - a sister
6 company, Wheelabrator, which takes
7 garbage, incinerates it, and generates
8 electricity for the remaining - you put
9 them both together, you have a million
10 homes that you've created electricity
11 for. A few things has happened to
12 Livingston Parish. One is that, since
13 Hurricane Katrina -- Katrina, that it has
14 been a tremendous influx of people.
15 We've had lots of development. We have a
16 lot of growth in Livingston Parish.
17 We've had the Carter Plantation, Shaw and
18 most recently, the Juban Crossing, and
19 just a few weeks ago, a month ago, we had
20 the Bass Pro Shop open up. Well, why are
21 landfills needed? Well, landfills are
22 needed because of us. We all generate
23 waste. And the numbers go from 4 1/2 to
24 10 pounds of waste that we generate per
25 person each day. What are we going to do

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1 with it? We have to do something with
2 it. Well, the sanitary landfills are one
3 of the most cost effective methods of
4 disposal. Recycling can move - remove
5 part of the waste, but not nearly enough
6 to replace the landfill. That's a
7 picture of Woodside Landfill that I'm
8 going to tell you more about. I'm going
9 to just kind of take you on a simple
10 little tour of Woodside Landfill and some
11 facts about Woodside Landfill. We began
12 operation in 1987. We replaced the old
13 walker dump, which was costing the parish
14 about \$350,000 a year, annually, to
15 operate. Before the walker dump, it was
16 numerous landfills scattered throughout
17 the parish. And they consolidated them
18 into the walker dump. And that's when we
19 come into the picture that -- in 1987 and
20 started Woodside Landfill. So we've come
21 a long way over the last 20 years. So if
22 you really look at it, it's been a
23 landfill in that area for the last 70
24 years. The walker dump was there for 50-
25 plus years, and we've been there for 20.

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1 So there's been a landfill right where
2 Woodside Landfill is located, for over 70
3 years. Woodside has paid the parish
4 \$1,500,000 in royalties in the year 2007,

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6 alone. This has been a tremendous part
7 of the general fund of the parish. To
8 date, we've paid over \$15 million of
9 royalties to the parish since 1987.
10 That's a lot of tax dollars that's not
11 having to be paid by the individuals. We
12 spent over \$100 million to build and
13 maintain Woodside Landfill. Again, the
14 permits are issued by the Department.
15 The present site is 525 acres. We have
16 207 acres that'll be used for waste
17 disposal. We receive a lot of waste. We
18 receive 800,000 tons of waste a year.
19 And if you kind of -- look this is a
20 citizens access area. This is where the
21 citizens of the parish can come in and,
22 actually, dump their waste into these
23 trailers, and we'll take it into the
24 active working place for them. What
25 types of waste? Well, we take
residential. We take commercial. We

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1 take non-hazardous. We do not accept
2 hazardous waste. We had Dr. Roger
3 Burford, an LSU professor of economics go
4 and do an economic impact of what
5 Woodside Landfill means to Livingston
6 Parish. And these facts and figures kind
7 of amaze me. And not to bore you, but
8 there's 422 people that work -- work
9 directly, for us -- directly for
10 Livingston Parish because of Woodside.
11 818 total direct, and indirect, induced
12 jobs. \$18.4 million payroll. \$43,293
13 average salary. Now, the average salary
14 in Livingston Parish is \$26,000, not
15 \$43,000. Some more key findings. 28.8
16 million in direct, and indirect,
17 salaries, wages. 11.4 spent in
18 Livingston Parish on supplies. Woodside
19 has a direct, and indirect, induced
20 impact of 4.7 million in taxes and
21 royalties paid to the level of local
22 government in Livingston Parish. Some
23 other benefits. 15.8 million in
24 royalties paid to the parish since 1987.
25 Again, 1.5 million, actually, was paid in

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1 the year 2007. If this permit is issued,
2 over the next ten years, we'll pay
3 another \$15 million worth of royalties to
4 the parish. We've donated about \$17,000
5 last year to some local softball
6 organizations in town. And this is
7 what's astounding to me, if you put it
8 all together, we're a \$71 million impact
9 in Livingston Parish. Probably, one of
10 the largest, if not the largest, single
11 most impact in Livingston Parish. Well,
12 who regulates us? DEQ regulates us.
13 We've had a good compliance record at
14 this facility. We -- we do not take
15 compliance lightly. We've always tried

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17 to do things right the first time. A
18 little bit more about the construction of
19 Woodside Landfill. One reason that
20 Woodside is located there, you had good
21 natural clay. On top of that, you
22 recompact three foot of recompact clay.
23 You take it in six and nine inch lifts,
24 you recompact it. And, finally, when you
25 get three foot, you take each lift of
permeability, compaction, and on top of

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1 that, you take and put a 60 mil HTPE
2 liner. On top of that, you put a fabric
3 and then two foot of sand. That's what
4 we call the leachate collection system.
5 This is what's a subtitle B landfill.
6 This is what's different about the
7 landfills today, versus the landfill of
8 old. The landfills of old were simply
9 holes in the ground. This cost a lot of
10 money. So, actually, the cells are built
11 in a "V" and they shaped to a -- you have
12 pumps that, automatically, pump out any
13 water that goes into the cell, after
14 garbage is in it, it changes from
15 rainwater into what we call leachate. We
16 have the leachate pumped out, go in
17 through a system of pipes to oxidation
18 ponds, treated, and then on to Walker
19 POTW. Well, we've had a lot of studies
20 done. We've had some air monitoring.
21 We've had water well testing. This is,
22 actually, an air monitoring station that
23 was set adjacent to the landfill at the
24 sheriff's shooting range, which is in
25 very close proximity to the landfill,

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1 just a few hundred yards from the
2 landfill. And, actually, what it showed
3 is that the air at Woodside Landfill was
4 cleaner than some of the air that was in
5 the monitoring stations from the Baton
6 Rouge area. The same thing with the
7 water well testing. They found no
8 problem. Both DEQ and EPA both done
9 this. One thing that we installed in
10 2003, that cost over \$1 million, was this
11 gas collection system. And like I said
12 earlier, the gas -- when you put garbage
13 in the landfill, they, naturally,
14 decompose and they generate a methane
15 gas. And this methane gas is generated.
16 And we put in 40 gas wells. And,
17 actually, these gas wells have a vacuum
18 pull on it by these blowers that,
19 actually, pull the gases out of the
20 landfill and it goes up in this flare.
21 Now, we hope not to be doing this in the
22 next few years. We hope to be using this
23 gas for some beneficial project, whether
24 we generate electricity, or whether we
25 can, hopefully, find someone that would

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1 need our gas that we have to put it back
2 in our pipeline, because there's a lot of
3 gas that's being burned and just flared
4 at the time. And by having this system,
5 and having an inward suction, or pull, on
6 the landfill, EPA has said that this
7 helps reduce odors. Another thing we do,
8 you know, it's -- it's no doubt that
9 garbage does not smell good. You can
10 stick your head in your garbage can, or
11 if you get something sticky at your
12 house, what do you do? You put it in
13 your garbage can. It does not smell
14 good. Well, a lot of that waste, it ends
15 up at Woodside Landfill. And we have
16 good waste and bad waste. And what I
17 mean by that, some of the waste smells
18 bad. And what we do immediately with
19 waste that smells bad, we push other
20 garbage on top of it during the day. At
21 the end of the day, what we do, we cover
22 the waste with a - with a cover at the
23 end of the day to prevent any smell from
24 getting out. We also have a misting
25 system, a deodorizing system, that we run

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1 at times. We also have a gas recovery
2 system pulling the gases that controls
3 the gases from the landfill. A little
4 bit about how we take waste. All waste
5 that comes into the landfill has to be
6 profiled. This profile is filled out by
7 the generator of the waste. And this
8 waste -- the generator fills out saying
9 this is my waste. This is the process
10 that generates my waste. And this is the
11 chemical composition of my waste. And I
12 certify this is my waste. Well, that's
13 not quite good enough for us. I mean,
14 after they fill out the profile, they
15 send analytical testing to back it up.
16 It goes to our technical manager. Our
17 technical manager reviews it, and he
18 looks at it. And he says, "Yes, this is
19 a type waste that we can manage at
20 Woodside Landfill." After that, it goes
21 back to our sales people, and they have
22 to get a contract signed by the
23 generator, saying that, basically, we
24 have a contract that's 1 page long to 20
25 pages long. And the contracts all

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1 basically say the same. They say, "If
2 you send me what you're supposed to be
3 sending me, I'll handle your waste and
4 manage your waste and hold you harmless.
5 If you don't, you're responsible for it.
6 You have to come get it up, dig it up out
7 of the landfill, at" -- "At your
8 expense." Now, when the waste comes in
9 you, usually, would come into the -- the
10 industrial waste would come on a non-
11 hazardous manifest. This would go back

12 waste
13 to this profile number, and what the
14 generator said was in this waste.
15 They'll take a sample of this waste.
16 Then it goes to the lab. And we actually
17 have lab techs that work. They take
18 samples and they analyze the waste in the
19 lab. And when this is completed, it's
20 then told where to go in the landfill.
21 Each load of waste is told where to go
22 because each load of map -- waste is
23 mapped in the landfill, on a three
24 dimensional grid. We know where the
25 waste goes and - in the landfill. As -
0025 this is a poor picture, but the waste

1 comes down. It's put out here. It's
2 spreaded. It's compacted. And all of
3 our operators are certified operators.
4 They have to go to school. And some are
5 going later this week. They have to know
6 what to look for. They know what to --
7 to look for in the waste that don't look
8 like regular household waste. They -
9 and if they see anything, they notify the
10 lab techs and they come and examine and
11 see what the waste is. Just a little bit
12 more. This is the storm water ponds.
13 They take care of surface water. The
14 oxidation ponds are way in the rear.
15 Remember, they leave -- the leachate
16 contaminated water goes to the oxidation
17 ponds onto the walker POTW. Now, one
18 other check that we have, around this
19 facility, we have 34 monitoring wells.
20 These monitoring wells are located right
21 adjacent to the landfill. They are in
22 depths of 30 foot deep, 50 foot deep, 60
23 foot deep. They're -- they're the first
24 line of defense to let you know that the
25 liner system and everything is in place.

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1 These monitoring wells show that nothing
2 has changed and the liner system and
3 everything is working. Well, we're part
4 of the solution. Well, one thing that we
5 do, and we really encourage, at this time
6 of year, we got three already scheduled.
7 We have lots of tours. We have lots of
8 school groups coming. And this is,
9 actually, on top of the landfill. I
10 don't know whether you can see, this -
11 this is 100- and-something feet up in the
12 air. It's a great view up there. And we
13 bring the kids out, and take pictures
14 with them. And tell them about landfills
15 and how they're different today. We,
16 actually, have a program that we can send
17 to the schools that will - they can go
18 through the classrooms for a couple of
19 days and then, come tour the landfill.
20 And we encourage that. We're very active
21 in our community. We have some people
22 that's on the Keep America Beautiful

23 waste
24 Board. And most recently, if you drive
25 into Bass Pro, there's 20 big cypress
0027 trees. We donated those. It's not
1 actually on Bass Pro Boulevard, but it's
2 the boulevard right - the first
3 boulevard going into Bass Pro. Again,
4 this is another picture of the citizens
5 access area where the people can come and
6 dump their trash, without having to go
7 into the landfill. Tonight's hearing.
8 Tonight's hearing is on two things, the
9 ten-year permit renewal and issuing our
10 air permit. Our ten-year permit renewal,
11 it's nothing really that's changed.
12 There's no major modifications that we're
13 asking for. Our mod -- we've had some
14 modifications. In 2001, we had our
15 vertical. And in 2004, we had our
16 horizontal. Each one of those included
17 public hearings and comments. Nothing
18 has really changed. We want to run the
19 same operation that we've run and
20 continue to run. The air permit, again,
21 as I said, we've installed a million
22 dollar gas recovery system. We have some
23 updated emission data. We had some
24 previous data that was based on estimate.
25 Actually, you have to do that before you

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1 put the system in. We have new data that
2 is our actual operation. And what we
3 found out that the new permit application
4 provides for way more emissions than the
5 current air permit. This - this air per
6 -- permit is very necessary, because if
7 you didn't, the garbage is going to
8 naturally decompose and generate methane
9 gas. This air permit tells us how to
10 manage that. What happens if the
11 permit's not issued? Well, the parish
12 loses a bunch of royalties. A bunch of
13 jobs and taxes goes away. Household
14 collection disposal rates increase. A
15 lot of bad things happen. Why the permit
16 should be issued? Well, one thing,
17 woodside is a state of the art facility
18 that has an excellent compliance record.
19 Woodside is an integral part of the
20 community and the solution. We perform a
21 very necessary service. And remember, we
22 generate the waste. We have some of the
23 best people in the industry that's
24 working at this landfill. We have some
25 great consultants. And one other thing

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1 that would happen is, if we send our
2 waste somewhere else, we'd have a
3 tremendous cost to the people in the
4 parish. I'm - I'm a big turkey hunter,
5 and this happened to be just the other
6 day, that I was at the customer service
7 center, and there's some turkeys walking

8 waste
9 through the - the parking lot. And I
10 had to include that in the slides. But
11 we welcome the schools. We welcome the
12 public officials. We welcome the
13 citizens groups. We want anybody to come
14 through this landfill. We welcome you to
15 come. Again, we're proud to be a part of
16 Livingston Parish. We have a very good,
17 distinguished group of people. And I'm
18 very proud of those people and the jobs
19 that they do. And I believe that's the
20 end of my presentation. I want to thank
21 you for the time. We also have Ms. Ann
22 Crochet coming up and to introduce some
23 of our more technical papers. And thank
24 you for your time.

MS. ANN CROCHET:

25 Good evening, Mr. Hearing Officer.

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1 My name is Ann Crochet, with the firm of
2 Taylor, Porter, Brooks and Phillips, 451
3 Florida Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana,
4 here representing Waste Management of
5 Louisiana, LLC, the owner and operator of
6 the Woodside Landfill and Recycling
7 Center. We would like to offer and file
8 into the record expert reports that have
9 been conducted by experts that have
10 reviewed the landfill design,
11 construction and operations and have
12 reviewed applications associated with the
13 landfill permits. Some of these expert
14 reports have been filed, previously.
15 They're part of the public record at the
16 LDEQ, and there's also some additional
17 reports that we're filing in connection
18 with the more recent applications. I
19 have two sets. One that I'm filing in
20 connection with the Solid Waste Permit
21 Renewal. And the second in connection
22 with the Part 70 Air Operating Permit.
23 These include reports by Charles Smith,
24 Dr. Roy Dokka, James Harris, Dr. David
25 Patrick, Dr. Martin Sara, Bill Hise,

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1 Jesse Arnold, Dale Steib, Terri Blackmar,
2 Dr. Stanley Pier, Michael Caldwell, and
3 Dr. Roger Burford. Thank you.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

5 If you would like to give those to
6 Mr. Vega. And would you like to
7 introduce those as "Exhibits 1 and 2", in
8 globo?

MS. CROCHET:

10 Yes.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

12 Or --

MS. CROCHET:

14 To be filed in --

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

16 Okay.

MS. CROCHET:

18 -- the solid waste and Air Permit,

19 waste
 20 respectively. Thank you.
 21 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 22 Thank you. Anyone else for the -
 23 the facility?
 24 (No response.)
 25 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 0032 All right. Let's see. Thank you.

1 I will now begin by allowing all persons
 2 who have signed up to speak five minutes,
 3 in - to speak five minutes, in which to
 4 give -- to present their comments.
 5 Anyone who needs more than five minutes,
 6 will be allowed to finish his or her
 7 comments after the registered speakers
 8 have had the opportunity to speak.
 9 The first up to speak will be those
 10 citizens who live within a ten - within
 11 a two-mile radius of the location of the
 12 facility. Now, what we're going to do is
 13 -- is when I - if you get -- if you get
 14 to three minutes, I will hold my -- my
 15 fingers up. That means you have two
 16 minutes left. When I have - hold one
 17 finger up, that means you have one minute
 18 left to speak. That's - that'll be four
 19 minutes. When you get to the end of the
 20 five minutes, I'll do like that and you
 21 need to wrap it up at that point. If you
 22 need to speak for longer, that's fine.
 23 You can come back and speak as long as
 24 you like so we can take everybody and let
 25 everybody have their five-minute shot to
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1 make their comment just in case they want
 2 to go home or something like that. Okay?
 3 Now, the first speaker is Harold
 4 Breaud. Please give your name and
 5 address.
 6 MR. HAROLD BREAUD:
 7 My name is Wayne Breaud. I live at
 8 16020 Ruth Drive, Walker, Louisiana
 9 70785. I've been in Livingston Parish
 10 all my life. I live south of the
 11 landfill. And it's a terrible thing to
 12 have when you live behind it. I heard
 13 Mr. Mason say, you know, all the good
 14 things happening. It may be good on his
 15 part, but on our part, it's not. When
 16 you live with a smell 7/24, it's, you
 17 know, it's - it's just not right for us.
 18 And I - I got a - part of the IT
 19 questions. Have the potential and
 20 (inaudible) environmental affects of the
 21 proposed facility been awarded to
 22 maximize the extent possibility? I don't
 23 think they have. By which of the
 24 following potential pathways did
 25 releasers of hazardous material endanger
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1 local residents or living things? The
 2 air? Yes, it's in danger. Water? Yes,
 3 it's in danger. The soil? It's in

4 waste
5 danger. And, you know, he's - he's
6 telling us about the non-hazardous, well,
7 you know, I got some air reports here.
8 Like, ethylene. That's hazardous. 14.93
9 per - parts per billion. Butadiene.
10 One, three Butadiene. 4.19 parts per
11 billion. Propylene, 5.24 parts per
12 billion. I can keep going on and on and
13 on. Here's one. 124 Trimethylbenzene,
14 228.51 per billion. You know, is this
15 hazardous or non-hazardous? That's what
16 - what I don't understand. We live it
17 7/24. And the response time is zero,
18 now. We call DEQ. We have no answer. I
19 called last night. It was so bad last
20 night. We still haven't got a response
21 back on it. And, you know, they have got
22 to put a road in south of the landfill
23 that runs east and west, with Ruth Drive
24 - and I'll say, every 200 yards, they
25 got a culvert running north and south.
Not only are we getting the air from the

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1 air - the pollutants from the air, we
2 got water coming up on top of us, now.
3 And it's not fair, as a Livingston Parish
4 citizen, having to put up with this.
5 It's just, you know, we oppose - each of
6 the permits they are planning for,
7 because it's not right for us. We used
8 to live around the dump. We live in the
9 dump, now. It surrounds us by three
10 sides. It's not fair to us, you know.
11 I've been there for twenty-plus years and
12 it's just not right. And if my son come
13 up to me and said, "Dad, we got a field
14 trip at the Woodside Landfill, he would
15 not go." Because we live it 7/24. And
16 the workers out here - I can understand
17 their part. You know, they got to work.
18 But the people that's putting it in
19 there, it's -- you know, it's -- it's
20 just not right. We got some totals over
21 here, like a total MOC, parts per
22 billion. We got them up to 6,700. I got
23 one here for 55,198.08 with the chemicals
24 in the air. Is that right? You know,
25 it's - it's just not right for us having

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1 to put up with this. And it used to be
2 when the wind was just blowing out of the
3 south - I mean, out of the north, we
4 would get it. We get it 7/24, now. And
5 it's - it's an everyday occurrence for
6 us. And it's not fair to us. It's just,
7 you know - seems like we've been sold
8 out. And it's - you know, it's just not
9 right. And we - we - we, as a parish,
10 needs to get together and put a stop to
11 this. Thank you.

12 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
13 Thank you, sir.
14 (An off-the-record discussion followed.)

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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Thank you, Mr. Breaud. Oneil Couvillion?

MR. ONEIL COUVILLION:

Okay. Just a moment. Okay. These are air complaints. Okay. These are air - this is copies of air samples.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Mr. Couvillion?

MR. COUVILLION:

Yes.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

You need to give your name and your address.

MR. COUVILLION:

Oh, I'm sorry. Oneil Couvillion. I live at 249 Joe May Road, Denham Springs, Louisiana. Okay? I'm sorry. This is a copy of air complaint - of air sampling, which has stopped since '05. We didn't have no results. I can't find any, anywhere. Now, this is a copy of a fire which occurred on September 7, 2000, at Woodside Landfill. It happened - let's see. It happened at 5:15. Okay? And the notification, they called, I believe, is for 9:00 - 9:00 A.M., they called DEQ about that. This is April 1, 2004. They had a small fire that started at 6:30 A.M. They put it out right away, they said. Well, they called DEQ, oh, at 3:00 o'clock. This is a copy of a 94-drum load from Degussa, out of Theodore, Alabama, a chemical company, which brought drums in. And, unfortunately, one of the drums was smoking. So what

happens? Well, they have to unload all the drums and call Haz-mat. Haz-mat gets up there and a guy in a moon suit is pointing at the -- at -- at the one that's smoking. And, you know, they say that, well, this is what we're going to do, we're going to take the liquids and we're going to mix the liquids with ash, put it into the landfill and put the solids into the landfill and crush the drums. All labeled - most of them labeled "Household Debris". Now, it came from Theodore, Alabama, Degussa, a chemical plant. Okay. Well, the next, Chem Waste Manager came by. There's pictures in here of the guys from Chem Waste Management wearing cowboy shirts and rubber gloves opening up the container, which they said, had a yellowish liquid, ammonia-type order, stint gloves and filters, and it turns out, had a 68 degree flash point. That's what was put into the landfill. In 2000, they another fire. Okay? And this is a copy of the Advocate, where a gentleman

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1 died because of some catalyst was in -
2 opened a cylinder that was mislabeled at
3 Honeywell and it killed him. Catalyst.
4 well, it also has in here, the waste
5 code, where it says they take -- take
6 catalyst. Also, there are other things
7 that's - all these are - these are
8 occurrences which have occurred over
9 there. And I also have some - one
10 moment. I got one thing to get. Just a
11 moment. It's right here. Yes. This is
12 an annual report. This is '99. And it
13 tells - this goes with the waste code
14 they got in here. It also says in the
15 front of each of these waste codes, they
16 have these numbers 1 through 12. Okay.
17 And it tells about the tons. Well, you
18 wonder what those numbers are. We have
19 residential waste, commercial waste,
20 trash, wood waste, construction,
21 incinerator ash, sewage, underground
22 storage tank corrective action,
23 agriculture waste, stable, infectious
24 waste, fiber ash, and other stuff.
25 There's a copy of that, for you.

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1 Basically -- also, a lot of these air
2 complaints are answered between one to
3 ten days later. Now, if that was
4 somebody breaking into your house, you'd
5 call the police and they came one to ten
6 days later and they say, I don't see
7 nobody. It's okay. I'm gone. Or your
8 house was on fire. And suppose that
9 would happen. And a fireman come by
10 three days later. See a bunch of ashes
11 up there. And says, gee, I don't see no
12 fire. Bye. Well, basically, that's
13 what's occurring over there right now.
14 We need a more intensive stuff that's
15 going on here. Better investigations and
16 stuff. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm gone.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

18 No, that's okay. Do you want to
19 reserve time to come back?

MR. COUVILLION:

21 No, sir. That's fine. Thank you.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

23 If you'd like to submit that as a -

MR. COUVILLION:

25 I'm leaving all that for ya'll.

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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

2 Okay. We'll get Mr. -- Mr. Vega
3 will take that and we'll mark that as "W3
4 in globo".

5 All right. Dupre Broussard, Jr.

MR. DUPRE BROUSSARD:

7 Dupre Broussard, Jr., 16123 Ruth
8 Drive, Walker, Louisiana. And I live
9 just south of the landfill. As a matter
10 of fact, what separates us is the fence

11 waste
12 - chain linked fence. And it was stated
13 that landfills smell. We know it smells.
14 And - all you have to do is open the
15 garbage can and smell, but you shouldn't
16 have to have your head in there three and
17 four times a day. I mean -- and I know
18 you got all those employees and they're
19 all from Livingston Parish, most of them,
20 but we still have a problem. And as far
21 as ground water, I've been living there
22 22 years and nobody has ever come out
23 there and taken a sample for water. And
24 I've got a well that's 370 feet deep. So
25 I don't know what kind of water I'm
drinking, really. That's -- that's all I

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1 have.
2 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
3 Thank you, sir. Charles Bacile.
4 Did I pronounce that correctly?
5 MR. HAROLD BREAUD:
6 He's in the restroom.
7 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
8 Okay. Well, then, we'll just call
9 Mr. Mistic, and he can speak until Mr.
10 Bacile gets back.
11 MR. MARK MISTRIC:
12 My name is Mark Mistic. I live at
13 15981 Ruth Drive, Walker, Louisiana
14 70785. Could we put the slide back up to
15 show the outside of that landfill, if
16 possible?
17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:
18 Which slide?
19 MR. MARK MISTRIC:
20 The reddish-colored one. Many of
21 the people here that are against the
22 landfill has never really went to the
23 landfill. I'm opposed to it. I've taken
24 the tour with Mr. Mason. He spoke with
25 them. And I have a little bit different

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1 slant on it. I live directly behind the
2 landfill. There is an odor. I don't
3 know what it is. I have no chemical
4 sheet, but it smells. I was assured that
5 the smell would decrease over time with
6 the addition of new equipment. And it
7 hasn't. Last meeting we were talking
8 about viewing the landfill. We wouldn't
9 be able to see the landfill. You can see
10 it. For a while, when they were digging
11 the landfill, the bulldozers, the
12 equipment would actually shake pictures
13 on my wall. Nothing happened. I
14 understand we need the landfill. And I
15 understand you need your jobs. But I
16 purchased my house before the landfill
17 expanded out there. I went - I probably
18 would be the only one to say I went to
19 the council -- back then, it was the
20 police juror -- and discussed buying my
21 house where I was. But then -- back

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22 then, it was a dump. I was assured that
23 it would be capped off. We had a buffer
24 zone of 800 acres Crown Zellerback owned,
25 that they weren't going to come this far

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2 course, parks, all this. So I thought it.
3 Now, I'm adjacent to that landfill. And
4 I understand we need it. For a while, I
5 would call Mr. Mason about the odor. I
6 would call Mr. Mason about the odor.
7 Then, I'd call my council member and
8 parish president. Everything falls on
9 deaf ears. The permit we - well, the
10 permit that was received, originally, for
11 Woodside, Robert Ringo took money for it.
12 But yet, our parish council did nothing
13 about it. So once again, I'm here to say
14 (inaudible). Now, I see the landfill. I
15 don't think that's right. I've asked for
16 a privacy fence. No one has to do it
17 because it was before the home rule
18 charter. I live right here. Right here
19 (indicating). And I defy anyone to tell
20 me that there's no odor or my life hasn't
21 changed a bit. It's only a matter of
22 time before I leave. I'll come up with
23 the means. I'll move. You win. The
24 parish gains what they want. So you
25 inconvenience a few people. Our parish

1 council, same thing, revenue, I
2 understand, it's all about the money.
3 But I've asked everyone to come to my
4 house. Easter, it smelled. Try to have
5 20 people at your house and it smells.
6 How embarrassed you would be. I
7 understand we need the landfill, but we
8 need help, also. And it falls on deaf
9 ears, because it's the money. This is
10 ridiculous. I don't have any technical
11 sheets to say that it's whatever, but
12 I've worked in plants. And if this is
13 garbage that we smell from time to time,
14 someone's full of it, and it's not me.
15 And if these sheets do show it, and DEQ
16 doesn't do anything for it, or to stop
17 it, shame on ya'll, too. Thank you.

18 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

19 Mr. Bacile? Charles Bacile. If I
20 announce your name incorrectly, let me
21 know.

22 MR. BREAUD:

23 I don't see him.

24 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

25 Okay. Well, we'll pass him. We'll

1 just call him a little bit later. okay.
2 Let's see. Kent Benton?

3 MR. KENT BENTON:

4 My name is Kent Benton. I live at
5 16950 David Drive in Satsuma, one mile -
6 approximately, one mile east of the

7 waste
8 landfill. And I am opposed to this
9 landfill. I've been opposed to it ever
10 since we caught them doing bioremediation
11 without the proper permits and shut them
12 down. They've applied to bioremediation
13 in this latest permit. I've been told by
14 senior environmental scientists that --
15 Jim Hazlet, Senior Environmental
16 Scientist, and I quote, "That shit
17 doesn't work." I've talked to Dr. Liggett
18 about it. He is no fan of
19 bioremediation. I suggest they pull the
20 bioremediation out of permit, before they
21 issue a permit, if they decide to issue a
22 permit. Which, I believe, they should
23 not issue a permit. They should close
24 the facility and move the landfill to a
25 less populated area. It adversely
affects thousands, more than the 6,000

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1 people mentioned in the permit. Those
2 are 2000 census records you - you need
3 to -- DEQ needs to go and look at who
4 lives around within a two-mile radius of
5 the landfill at this time. I don't
6 believe they've taken into consideration
7 all the development that's going on at
8 the Satsuma exit. The proposed plans for
9 300 condominiums, 600 homes, public
10 schools. That hasn't been considered.
11 And that's going to happen within the
12 next two or three years. DEQ admits in -
13 - in the -- in the permits process, that
14 is a major source of toxic air pollution.
15 Okay? There's no doubt, you can't
16 regulate it. It goes up into the air.
17 You can't stop it. Unless you shut the
18 facility down and move it somewhere else.
19 And I'm opposed to this facility, also,
20 because the permit is tainted with
21 bribery and greed. A councilman received
22 money for his vote to transfer the permit
23 from the parish to Waste Management.
24 That, alone, should nullify the permit.
25 I really feel for the -- the people

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1 living closer than a mile, because it's
2 got to be hell, you know, with all the
3 toxic fumes, and giving them chemical
4 burns, stuff like that. And DEQ has done
5 nothing in the past. I'm really looking
6 for this new administration to do
7 something about it because, in the past,
8 they've done nothing. They set up
9 monitors upwind of the landfill. You
10 know, this is bad science, you know.
11 Waste Management can hire experts from
12 all over the country to, I believe, say
13 what they want them to say. And DEQ
14 accepts it, unquestioned. So I just want
15 DEQ to do their job and really look hard
16 at this facility and see it's necessity
17 and really evaluate the economic value.

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 19 Our Parish President, Mike Grimmer, is
 20 trying to bring in Disney and clean
 21 businesses, Bass Pro, what -- what are
 22 those tourist going to think when they
 23 drive down I-12 and they start to see
 24 stars from these toxic chemicals?
 25 Because it happens. They get so bad,
 0049 your - your head will swim. And I know
 1 what I'm talking about. I live right
 2 there by it, a mile away, just a mile.
 3 And people two or three miles away
 4 complain about it. People at the
 5 ballpark playing ball, they can't
 6 concentrate because of the heavy fumes.
 7 So I'm just asking DEQ to -- to do their
 8 job, grab the bull by the horns and shut
 9 the facility down. Relocate it. Do what
 10 they got to do. Get rid of it. In my
 11 mind, it's -- it's a cancer on the parish
 12 and on the residents around the facility.
 13 And that's all I have.
 14 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 15 Thank you. Mr. Bacile, have you
 16 returned? He's not here? Okay. Keep on
 17 calling. Sherry -- Sherry or Cherri
 18 Carter? No? Okay. Buster Bush, I
 19 believe. No?
 20 (UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:)
 21 He just stepped out. He's going to
 22 be back.
 23 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 24 We'll call him again. Rebecca
 25 Arcement. These are still people that
 0050 live within a two-mile radius of the
 1 facility.
 2 MS. REBECCA ARCEMENT:
 3 My name is Rebecca Arcement. I live
 4 at 12484 Fawnwood Drive, and I am for
 5 Woodside Landfill.
 6 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 7 All right. Jerome Klier -- Klier?
 8 MR. JEROME KLIER:
 9 Jerome Klier. 3440 Mayer Street,
 10 Walker, Louisiana 70785. I live in
 11 Madison Oak Subdivision, which is located
 12 northwest of the - of the landfill.
 13 I've lived at this address for the -
 14 approximately, three years. And in the
 15 past couple of years, the odors have got
 16 stronger out there. We've noticed that
 17 in our - at our location. So I realize
 18 that odors is - is very difficult to
 19 define, but I see there's some pollutant
 20 loads on the permit. So I'm requesting
 21 as a condition of the air permit, that
 22 similar to the 34 permanent monitoring
 23 wells that are installed, that you also,
 24 as a condition, install some continuously
 0051 recording air monitoring stations at the
 1 boundaries and in the nearby subdivisions
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3 waste
4 to better monitor the pollutant loads
5 that are being emitted from the landfill.
6 So that's our request as a condition of
7 issuing the air permit, that permanent
8 air monitoring stations be installed to
9 monitor the pollutant levels. Thank you.

10 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
11 Marilyn Spangler? Marilyn Spangler?
12 Is she here?

13 MS. MARILYN SPANGLER:
14 My name is Marilyn Spangler. I live
15 at 12465 Deerfield Drive in Walker. I am
16 a new resident of Livingston Parish, and
17 I am employed at Waste Management, a very
18 proud employee of Waste Management. I
19 will say this, if we do lose this, we
20 will - it will be a major impact on
21 Livingston Parish.

22 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
23 Steve McCaskill?
24 MR. STEVE MCCASKILL:
25 Steve McCaskill. I'm 14310 Mackenzy
Lane, Walker, Louisiana 70785. I think

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1 I'm about a mile and a half northwest of
2 the landfill. If the flare is on, and if
3 you're downwind, you can't sit in your
4 backyard. And that's just kind of crazy.
5 There's got to be a better way to do it.
6 I know that they said that in two years
7 they might have a better way to do it,
8 but we need a way to do it now. That's
9 really all I got to say. Thank you.

10 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
11 Okay. Thank you, sir. Patty
12 Armstrong?

13 MS. PATTY ARMSTRONG:
14 My name's Patty Armstrong. I live
15 at 13267 North Ridge Avenue in Walker.
16 I'm - I am for the landfill. I've been
17 a resident of Livingston Parish all my
18 life. And I've been employed with Waste
19 Management for 13 years. Thank you.

20 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
21 Mike - Mike - I'm sorry. Lives on
22 Lockhart Lane? No? All right. We'll
23 call him again. Susan Bethune?

24 MS. SUSAN BETHUNE:
25 My name is Susan Bethune. I live at

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1 29835 Henderson Lane, Walker, Louisiana.
2 I'm -- I'm here to state as a citizen
3 living within the two-mile radius. I've
4 been living at my residence for
5 approximately 19 years now. I have made
6 numerous complaints about the odors and
7 the smells coming from Woodside Landfill.
8 I have lived here too long. I have
9 breathing problems. I like to,
10 sometimes, be able to open my windows to
11 be able to see the outside air. But on
12 occasions, the smell is so horrible that,
13 you know, you're not able to do that. My

14 waste
15 most recent complaint was about the 22nd
16 or 23rd of February. And on that
17 particular day, it was around 4:00 or
18 5:00 in the evening. The smell was
19 nauseating. And I have to admit that
20 it's not quite as bad as it used to be,
21 about nine or ten years ago, because the
22 smell was - was a lot worse. We had
23 problems with the gases and all. But
24 it's still - there are times when the
25 smell is unbearable and, you know, when
you can't even open your windows and let

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1 the outside air in, or you hate to go
2 outdoors because of the odor. And I hate
3 to think of what it's doing to the air
4 quality, the water. And they can't tell
5 me that sooner or later, that those
6 liners that they put in, that this is not
7 going to leak. Because I believe that
8 they will deteriorate or something sharp
9 could puncture them. And I believe that
10 that they could, at some point, leak.
11 And how do we know about the fault lines
12 that run. I don't believe that it's all
13 this clay beneath the surface of the -
14 where the landfill is. I believe at some
15 point and time it will leak. And it's -
16 besides our air quality, what will it do
17 to the future to our water. What about
18 the land around it. I don't think it
19 needs to increase. I don't think it
20 needs to - Woodside needs to become
21 larger. I don't think the air needs to
22 be where they would have 70 percent of it
23 open for us to breathe. That's all I
24 have to say. Thank you.

25 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

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1 Thank you. Justin Seals?
2 MR. JUSTIN SEALS:
3 Hello. My name is Justin Seals. I
4 live at 13922 J.R. Drive. That's Walker,
5 Louisiana. I'm within the two-mile
6 radius. I am currently a lab technician
7 at Waste Management. I've been with the
8 company for over five years now. And I
9 am in full support of the air permit and
10 the renewals that we have. I am not only
11 an employee, but also a resident of
12 Walker. However, my worries are few
13 because Waste Management has high
14 standards and ethics. I have seen first-
15 hand how Waste Management and Woodside
16 Landfill have taken precautionary
17 measures to protect neighboring - our
18 neighboring community. They have taken a
19 safety-first stand to make sure they do
20 not endanger the lives of citizens of
21 Walker or Livingston Parish. I take
22 pride in knowing that I am working for a
23 company that gives back to the community
24 in so many ways. Over the past five

25 waste
0056 years, I've watched as Waste Management
1 and Woodside Landfill have grown into
2 what it is today, a company with normal
3 and caring people working together to
4 make the future of the environment better
5 for our children and grandchildren. I am
6 in full support of the landfill and the
7 permits that we have. I will stand by
8 Waste Management in their efforts to make
9 sure our community is cleaner and greener
10 for years to come. Thank you.
11 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
12 Okay. Let's see. That concludes
13 the people who live within a two-mile
14 radius. I will call the people that we
15 called before. Charles Bacile? No.
16 I'll call you at the end, if you're not
17 here.
18 MS. CHERRI CARTER:
19 I just got here.
20 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
21 Okay. Ms. Carter, you're the next
22 one.
23 MS. CHERRI CARTER:
24 That was too much at one time. I
25 just walked through the door.
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1 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
2 All right.
3 MS. CHERRI CARTER:
4 I just want to say I'm against the
5 landfill expanding, bioremediation,
6 anything that's going to bring more
7 smells into our community. I fought for
8 years. I went to every door in this
9 community. I mailed out - I was in the
10 Concerned Citizen Group. It just took
11 everyday of my life. I couldn't take
12 anymore. I dreamed it. I, finally, had
13 to get away from it after about, I guess,
14 six or seven years. It was just
15 consuming me, because I saw a never-
16 ending battle. And when you talk to
17 people and they come up to you and they
18 say, you're -- you're wasting your time.
19 DEQ's not going to help you. I've had -
20 I've called DEQ several times. And I
21 heard on the news, anytime you call DEQ,
22 they will come out and -- and see what
23 your complaint is. I have a porch that
24 was closed in, and I called for a
25 complaint. And after three or four
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1 hours, when they do, finally, get there -
2 - I called the gas company, because I
3 thought it was a gas leak, so I had a
4 witness for the smell. But every time
5 they come out, they come out after the
6 smell is gone, so you can't prove
7 anything. Well, just so happen, I closed
8 my porch up and they come in there and
9 they - he said it was a faint smell.

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And the guy from the gas company looked at him, like, a faint smell? This is about to choke you in here. Well, that's the kind of things we've gone through, over and over again. And I'm back again. I saw on T.V., Kent Benton with his land and I see how hard he wants to be able to raise his children around a pond and with his ducks and animals and a garden and everything, and I got away from all of that. And I really enjoyed being in my yard. And I just want to get back to that life, again. I miss it. I don't want a landfill to expand and to take over this parish. I heard on the news, also, that Waste Management brings a

million dollars to this parish, one point something. I don't remember exactly what it was. But we've got Bass Pro. We got people moving here. We've got all the stuff happening at the Satsuma exit. Juban. I know that's going to be a lot of money. We do need a place for our garbage to go. I understand that. But it -- we need somebody to go in there and find out what's being put in there, somebody we can trust, and help this community not have to smell what we're smelling. It's been great for the last two weeks. I've been coming home, putting my windows down. No smell. Just for the last two weeks. And I knew a meeting was coming. I knew it before I even heard it on the T.V. That's what we deal with out here. I appreciate you giving me the opportunity to talk. And I hope that DEQ will take a stand and come out when you're called, and stop what the smell is. And, at least, help us find out if it is poisoning everybody out here. Thank you.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Ms. Carter. You need to give your address for the record, please. I don't think you did that.

MS. CARTER:

29578 South Satsuma Road.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Buster Bush? No? Mike - I can't read your penmanship. Lives on Lockhart Lane in Walker. No? All right. That's - we'll call you before we leave.

All right. Now, we have the citizens who work within a two-mile radius of the facility. Mark Noel, or Noel?

MR. MARK NOEL:

My name is Mark Noel. My address is 2440 Oak Manor Court, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810. I'm the senior environmental manager in charge of all

21 waste
22 environmental and permitting activities
23 for Waste Management operations in
24 Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. And
25 that - those three states consists of
about 45 separate operating locations.

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1 I've worked in the solid waste industry
2 for 18 years. Waste Management of
3 Louisiana is very proficient in all
4 regulatory aspects of the solid waste
5 industry, at all levels of authority.
6 The nature of our services require you're
7 intimately familiar with federal, state,
8 local regulations governing the
9 management disposal of solid waste, as
10 well as the health and safety of our
11 employees, that perform these services.
12 The variety of expertise provided by our
13 company, is more than sufficient to
14 address any and all regulatory issues
15 associated with the permit and
16 instruction and operation of the Woodside
17 Landfill. In addition, a significant
18 number of resources are available through
19 our corporate entity, including a full
20 staff of regulatory and compliance
21 personnel. These resources provide
22 interpretations in guidance of necessary
23 environmental and safety regulations.
24 Waste Management of Louisiana has
25 obtained and maintains a variety of

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1 permits for its operations throughout
2 Louisiana. These permits include
3 individual and multi-sector storm water
4 permits, industrial user permits for
5 discharge to publicly owned treatment
6 works, air permits and solid waste
7 permits for its landfill operations.
8 Waste Management maintains a cooperative
9 relationship with the various regulatory
10 agencies. As such, it is always our goal
11 to achieve 100 percent compliance with
12 all regulations. In order to achieve
13 this goal, Waste Management maintains a
14 self-imposed compliance management system
15 that requires that any and all issues are
16 self-identified and resolved as soon as
17 possible. This program is enhanced by
18 internal corporate compliance programs,
19 in which compliance is evaluated as part
20 of management job performance. Waste
21 Management, also, is routinely audited
22 and/or inspected by regulatory agencies.
23 All agency inspections are part of the
24 public record and are available for
25 review at the agency office. Also, solid

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1 waste customers perform audits of our
2 facilities to protect their interest and
3 minimize long-term or superfund
4 liabilities. These customers include
5 many Fortune 500 companies, as well as,

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municipal customers. I have intimate
7 knowledge of all monitoring information
8 from the site and can state, without
9 exception, there have been no negative
10 impacts to the environment from this
11 landfill facility.
12 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
13 Thank you. Kim George? No? Tracy
14 Garrett?
15 MS. TRACY GARRETT:
16 Hi. I'm Tracy Garrett. I live at
17 33294 Cane Market Road, Walker,
18 Louisiana. I am an employee at Waste
19 Management. I hear the concerns of the
20 other residents. Before I even worked at
21 Waste Management, I drove in the area, up
22 Ruth Drive, Blackmud Road. You have to
23 wonder if it's easier to blame it on the
24 odor, because I wouldn't buy a house out
25 there because of the dumping ground that

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1 residence who did not dispose their
2 trash, correctly. The - the carcasses
3 of animals. The, you know, other just
4 over just odorous trash, crawfish. So
5 maybe it's easier to blame it on the
6 landfill or your own backyard. But I am
7 in support of Waste Management and the
8 Woodside Landfill.
9 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
10 Thank you. Brenda Laborde? I tell
11 you what, I'm going to - ya'll keep your
12 applause down, if that's okay. We -- you
13 can do it at the end. We just need to
14 move things up expeditiously.

15 MS. BRENDA LABORDE:
16 Good evening. My name is Brenda
17 Laborde. I live at 13440 Lonnie Wascom
18 Road, Apartment 2B, here in Walker. I
19 work for Waste Management, also, which
20 falls within the two-mile radius. I'm in
21 full support and just support Waste
22 Management. Thank you.
23 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
24 Thank you. Paul Bouchereau? And
25 then, after that, will be Amanda Olsen.

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1 MR. PAUL BOUCHEREAU:
2 My name is Paul Bouchereau. I
3 reside at 13497 Al Landry Road, Gonzales
4 70737. I've been employed by Waste
5 Management for almost 17 years. This
6 June will be 17 years. My
7 responsibilities include insuring that
8 Woodside Landfill comply with all waste
9 acceptance procedures, as required by the
10 landfill's permit and by environmental
11 regulations. As part of my job, I
12 conduct the initial reviews on all
13 industrial solid waste screenings,
14 submitted for potential acceptance at
15 Woodside Landfill. I can assure you that
16 each and every waste screening receives a

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18 complete and thorough review. Waste that
19 do not meet the criteria established in
20 Woodside's permit, or by regulation, are
21 simply not accepted. Even after waste
22 has been approved for acceptance at
23 Woodside Landfill, incoming waste is
24 subjected to screening and inspection as
25 required by our permit and also by the
regulations. The procedures followed by

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1 woodside Landfill control the entry of
2 incoming waste into the facility and
3 prevent the receipt of hazardous waste or
4 other prohibited waste, so that all waste
5 received by Woodside is, indeed, not
6 hazardous under federal and state
7 regulations and acceptable under our
8 operating permit. Our waste acceptance
9 procedures meet all of the applicable
10 solid waste regulatory requirements and
11 our requirements of our solid waste
12 permit, which is being renewed. There is
13 simply no reason for me, or any of our
14 co-workers, to take chances when it comes
15 to waste acceptance. Our sister company
16 Chemical Waste Management, which has
17 facilities outside the parish, are
18 permitted to lawfully accept and dispose
19 of all hazardous waste. There's no
20 reason for any hazardous waste to even be
21 considered at Woodside, and we follow
22 strict procedures to prevent the
23 acceptance of any and all prohibited
24 waste. Another point I'd like to make,
25 is that Woodside accepts approximately 22

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1 loads on an average, everyday from
2 Livingston Parish residents. These loads
3 are pickup truck loads, small trailer
4 loads, and anything they can bring it in.
5 Twenty-two loads a day adds up to about
6 125 loads every week from the residents
7 in the parish and surrounding area.
8 Unfortunately, if this local waste
9 management facility did not exist, this
10 waste could find its way to roadside
11 ditches or even worse. It could be
12 burned in backyard burn piles, as this
13 waste consists of furniture, painted or
14 treated wood, plastics, foams, metals,
15 and garbage. Having to travel over 30
16 miles to the nearest landfill, and pay
17 three times more for trash disposal,
18 would deter proper and safe solid waste
19 disposal in this community. The renewal
20 of the Woodside solid waste permit means
21 that residents can continue to properly
22 dispose of their waste at a local
23 permitted facility and - and at an
24 affordable price. I feel that we, all
25 employees at Woodside Landfill, are truly

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1 part of the solution. And I'm extremely

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proud to be part of that solution at
woodside and proud of the job that
everyone does there. With that, I would
urge you to look closely at all the facts
and let the facts be the basis for your
decision, which should be the approval of
the renewal of woodside solid waste
permit and the issuance of an air
operating permit. Thank you.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Amanda Olsen? And Sharla Shelton,
you're on deck.

MS. AMANDA OLSEN:

Thank you. My name is Amanda Olsen.
I live at 33830 Cypress Bluff Drive in
Denham Springs. I'm a civil engineer at
woodside Landfill. I'm a registered
engineer in the State of Louisiana. I
have certifications in both environmental
and civil engineering. I've worked,
directly, in the field of environmental
engineering for over 24 years. I spent
the last 14 of those years working at
woodside Landfill. In fact, one of the

very first jobs I had getting out of
college was doing field testing of clay
liners and synthetic liners at landfills.
So I feel that I'm perfectly capable and
have the experience necessary to make the
statements that I'm about to make. My
responsibilities at woodside are to
personally oversee all the permitting,
the design, the construction and
monitoring activities at the facility.
First and foremost, the design and the
construction at woodside Landfill meets
or exceeds all regulatory requirements.
That has been the case since the day the
site opened. Woodside Landfill has many
safeguards built into its daily
operation. These include extensive
ground water monitoring, surface water
monitoring, air monitoring, waste
inspection, multiple facility inspection.
We have internal audits. We have
external audits by our customers. So, I
think, we have been looked at by about
everyone that can possibly look at us,
including the regulatory agencies, by

both DEQ, as well as, US EPA. Based on
my experiences with facility personnel,
which I've known for the past 14 years,
they're highly competent. It's a
privilege and honor to work with each and
every one of them. I trust them
implicitly. They have a great respect
for the environment and they also
understand the importance of compliance.
Our facilities have maintained all of the
monitoring programs since the day it
opened in 1987. And, in fact, for

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example, ground water monitoring was conducted before the site even opened. The site has been diligent in maintaining all of our compliance records and staying in compliance throughout all of the years. I've reviewed and participated in every permit action since 1994. The solid waste permit that's being reviewed under this request at this time, took over ten years to prepare. There were extensive studies to provide the technical data to support the information that was provided. In addition, that

information was compiled, prepared, and as I said, under my review, by highly competent and specialized individuals. Some of whom are here tonight. I've reviewed all the work contained in the application, and I can say with first-hand knowledge, that it's an environmentally protective design. Woodside Landfill also takes extensive measures to mitigate odors. One of the first things we do, as David implied, or actually presented in his presentation, always to cover it at the end of every day. We use soil covering materials and any other alternate approved material at the site -- site. Excuse me. One of the other issues that's being looked at, as well as our solid waste renewal request, is our air permit request. In this particular request, what you're going to see, as David said, we made estimations in 2001 before our active gas system went in. What we've found since we've installed that system in 2003, at a cost of over a million dollars, is that the

landfill gas generations have been reduced or are less than what was originally predicted. What does that mean? That means that emissions are less than what was originally predicted. I want to know how fewer emissions or less emissions is a bad thing? It's not. Less landfill gas generation is not a bad thing. And that's what's in this application. Secondly, all the emissions associated with it have been reduced from the current permit that we're working under, as far as our air permit. That is a good thing. There's no reason not to issue the air permit, as well. If this facility closes tomorrow, the emissions will continue. They need to be controlled, they need to be monitored. This air permit provides the framework to do just that. And I don't think that's a bad thing, either. I think you want those controls. I think you want them documented, and I think you want them

24 waste
 25 monitored. I fully support the issuance
 0073 of both permits. Thank you.

1 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 2 Thank you. Sharla Shelton? And
 3 Asonya Cowart, you're on deck. I'm sorry
 4 if I use the baseball terms, but that's
 5 all I have.

6 MS. SHARLA SHELTON:
 7 I'm Sharla Shelton. I live at 32946
 8 Cane Market Road. I'm speaking as an
 9 employee and a resident of Livingston
 10 Parish. I've lived in this parish some
 11 30-plus years. I lived here when the
 12 dumps were located on gravel roads, and
 13 you went there and dumped your garbage.
 14 And you saw all kinds of garbage in those
 15 dumps. They're now covered with dirt,
 16 have subdivisions on top of them. I do
 17 not want to see this parish go back to
 18 roadside dumps. Please approve the
 19 permits. Thank you.

20 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 21 Asonya Cowart? Did I say that,
 22 correctly?

23 MS. ASONYA COWART:
 24 Yes, sir.

25 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 0074 All right. And Mary Kaye Quarz?

1 MS. MARY KAYE QUINTERS:
 2 Quinters.

3 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 4 Quinters? You're on deck.

5 MS. COWART:
 6 My name is Asonya Cowart. I live at
 7 34741 Oak Place Drive in Denham Springs
 8 70706. I've worked for Waste Management
 9 for 14 years. I've lived here for 25
 10 years, and I've raised two children here.
 11 I'm in full support of Woodside Landfill.
 12 Thank you.

13 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 14 Thank you. All right, Ms. Quinters.
 15 How you spell your last name?

16 MS. QUINTERS:
 17 Q-U-I-N-T-E-R-S. My name is Mary
 18 Kaye Quinters. I work at 15505 Industry
 19 Row, Walker, Louisiana 70785. I'm an
 20 employee of Waste Management, and I
 21 support Woodside Landfill. Thank you.

22 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 23 Okay. Willie Underwood? Willie
 24 Underwood?

25 0075 (UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:)
 1 He's not here.

2 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 3 Okay. Paul Payten? And Marvin
 4 Francis, you're on deck. No? Marvin
 5 Francis? All right. Andrew Lee? David
 6 Atlays? All right. Kenneth Howze?

7 (UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER:)
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He had to leave.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

All right. Jimmy Averett? And Greg Brown, you're on deck.

MR. JIMMY AVERETT:

Good evening. My name is Jimmy Averett. I live at 2986 Tulip Street, Walker. Here in Louisiana, of course. I've worked for Waste Management for 10, going on 11, years. I've been a resident of Livingston Parish for 37 years. I've lived in the town of Walker, right by the Town Hall, for the past six years. I'm a heavy equipment operator with Waste Management. I like working for Waste Management. And I want to say one thing, I'm not working for a bunch of

terrorists. And I don't believe we would put something in the air that would be harmful to anyone. And I am -- am fully supportive of all the permits. And I support Waste Management. Thank you.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Greg Brown? Not here? Steve Smith? And I believe, Warren Guedry is on deck.

MR. STEVE SMITH:

My name is Steve Smith. I reside at 6227 West Ridge Drive, Baton Rouge, 70817. And I'm in support of renewing Woodside's air permit.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Okay. Warren Guedry? And Royal Every is on deck.

MR. WARREN GUEDRY:

Yes. I'm Warren Guedry. 321 Chateau Jon, Denham Springs, Louisiana 70726. I'm the Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas safety manager for Waste Management. Woodside happens to be one of the facilities that I oversee. I must admit that this is one of the facilities that we're the proudest of. In the past

three years all industry is rated by their OSHA recordable rate in my particular piece of this at Waste Management. And their OSHA recordable rate for the last three years has been zero. And zero is outstanding in any industry. I think every plant that you go in requires at least a .105 -- I mean, a .05 to get into their plants. We hold that standard and we proudly do it by doing the right thing. One of our missions in -- in Waste Management is the emission of zero. And some people think the emission of zero accidents and injuries. We go by the emission of zero, meaning zero unsafe conditions, acts, and behaviors within our employees, or anyone that comes in our facility. Again, I'm proud to stand up in front of this

20 waste
 21 meeting and talk in favor of the permits
 22 because of the employees that we have.
 23 I'm only a manager that is housed within
 24 this parish and located at the
 25 (inaudible) facility, but proud to say
 0078 that everyone of these employees -
 1 everyone of our employees within
 2 woodside, are the safety managers that
 3 make this company run. They take the
 4 responsibility every single day for their
 5 lives, for their family's lives, and for
 6 the community's lives around here, to
 7 make sure that they do the best that they
 8 can for this community in Livingston
 9 Parish. I'm in support of the permits.
 10 Thank you very much.
 11 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 12 Thank you. Royal Every? Not here?
 13 Vanda Tidwell?
 14 MS. VANDA TIDWELL:
 15 My name is Vanda Tidwell. And I
 16 guess you could say I, actually, have two
 17 home addresses. One's with my family,
 18 which is 30526 North Willow, Livingston,
 19 Louisiana, and the other is with my other
 20 family, where I've been for 20 years, is
 21 with Waste Management, at 29340 Woodside
 22 Drive. I - I, like Sharla, grew up in
 23 the days where, when you were a little
 24 kid, you - the biggest deal was, let's
 25 go to the dump. Well, you got - I lived
 0079 way out in the country, so that was a big
 1 deal. We got to take a ride. And when
 2 we got there, what we saw was a hole with
 3 anything you wanted, dumped in there. Of
 4 course, I didn't know any difference
 5 about a dump and a landfill, until I went
 6 to work for Waste Management, where they
 7 educated me on the difference. Now, I
 8 know. And that's one of the things that
 9 we live and we work for every day, is the
 10 safety of our landfill. We take pride in
 11 it. It's our job. It's who we are.
 12 Most of us have been there for twenty-
 13 plus years. And, I mean, the only way we
 14 can stay there for that many years, is
 15 because we all believe what we're doing
 16 is the right thing. I support Waste
 17 Management, and their permit renewals.
 18 Thank you.
 19 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 20 Jarred Carroll? Donald Carroll?
 21 Mr. Dokes? No? Tiffany Martello?
 22 Gerald Casteille? Mr. Casteille?
 23 MR. GERALD CASTEILLE:
 24 Gerald Casteille. I actually live
 0080 in Sunset, Louisiana. 140 Circle Drive,
 1 70584. I actually work here at the Waste
 2 Management facility across the street
 3 from the Woodside Landfill. I am in
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5 support of the air quality. waste
6 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
7 Thank you. James Donovan?
8 MR. JAMES DONOVAN:
9 James Donovan. 9924 Chapel Hill,
10 Denham Springs, Louisiana 70706. I am an
11 employee of Waste Management for ten
12 years. I fully support Waste Management
13 and the permits.
14 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
15 All right. Madison Stewart? Jeff
16 Stallion? Dondray Shepphard?
17 All right. That concludes everyone
18 who works within a two-mile radius. I
19 tell you what we're going to do. We'll
20 take a little bathroom break for ten
21 minutes. And we'll be back and
22 reconvene, and finish up.
23 (A brief recess followed.)
24 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
25 All right. We'll reconvene and
0081 we're going to start with the people who
1 live within Livingston Parish. Brent
2 Daniels? And Darrel Ondrel, you'll be on
3 deck.
4 MR. BRENT DANIELS:
5 Brent Daniels, 2748 South Ross -
6 Ross Road. Employees for Waste
7 Management and permits.
8 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
9 Okay. That was quick. Darrel
10 Ondrel? Gerald Ladan or -- lives at P.O.
11 Box 1806, Albany? No? Mark Williams?
12 Mr. Abboud?
13 MR. KENNY ABBOUD:
14 My name is Kenny Abboud. I live at
15 8361 Beachwood Drive in Denham Springs.
16 I'm proud to say I've been an employee of
17 Waste Management for ten years. I'm here
18 in support of Woodside Landfill. Thank
19 you.
20 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
21 All right. John Moss? Jerry
22 Anders? Maurice Durbin?
23 MS. MAURICE DURBIN:
24 My name is Maurice Durbin. I live
0082 at 417 Centerville in Denham Springs.
1 I'm a consultant for Woodside Landfill,
2 working with government and community
3 relations. Whether it's picking up
4 litter, or planting trees, or supporting
5 ball teams, I'm very proud of Woodside's
6 involvement in -- in our community. But
7 I'm here tonight to support Woodside as a
8 business owner. I own three mobile home
9 parks in Denham Springs. Almost every
10 two weeks, I bring a trailer full of
11 bulky, heavy waste to the landfill for --
12 to the landfill for disposal. The
13 citizens access area is clean and it's
14 easy to use. And I cannot imagine that
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16 waste
 17 it would be possible for me to keep my
 18 parks clean for the families living there
 19 if I did not have Woodside as a landfill
 20 in close proximity. Thank you.
 21 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 22 Thank you. Ashley Whitney?
 23 MR. ASHLEY WHITNEY:
 24 My name's Ashley Whitney. I live at
 25 35961 Sarasota Avenue in Denham Springs,
 0083 Louisiana. I started with Waste
 1 Management under David Mason. I'm now
 2 the landfill manager of the Jefferson
 3 Parish Landfill. And I support
 4 Woodside's expansion.
 5 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 6 Thank you. Julie Houpy?
 7 All right. That'll go to the people
 8 who are in support of the landfill. Mike
 9 Caldwell? Sir?
 10 MR. HENRY HARRIS:
 11 I - I live within the parish, and I
 12 made application to speak.
 13 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 14 What's your name, sir?
 15 MR. HENRY HARRIS:
 16 Henry Harris. I signed in and
 17 registered.
 18 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 19 Hang on, Mr. Harris. I just -- I
 20 just don't -- all right, Mr. Harris. I'm
 21 sorry. It just got misfiled. Come
 22 forward.
 23 MR. HENRY HARRIS:
 24 Thank you. I'm Henry Harris. I
 25 live at 8759 Harris Road, Denham Springs
 0084 70 -- 70726. Put my first comment to
 1 that, sir.
 2 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 3 This will be marked as -
 4 MR. HENRY HARRIS:
 5 I - I'm - I just gave them to him
 6 so he can file my permits. I presented a
 7 letter from the Secretary of the
 8 Department of Environmental Quality and
 9 supporting documentation with the
 10 Secretary admitting, acknowledging and
 11 conceding to cover up the obstruction of
 12 justice, Division F, 21st Judicial
 13 District Court, Livingston Parish,
 14 Louisiana, due to severe, serious, and
 15 dangerous problems in the DEQ permitting
 16 and certification process. In addition,
 17 to that comment, and the supporting
 18 letter, we want to address -- and this
 19 came from Governor Foster's comments and
 20 statement, published information and
 21 leaks from the eight year old criminal -
 22 federal criminal investigation in Baton
 23 Rouge, having to do with the Louisiana
 24 Department of Wildlife and Fisheries,
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1 giving \$500,000 to Canal Land Company.
2 Those comments, that published
3 information and those leaks from that
4 federal criminal investigation connected
5 a member and organizer of Canal Land
6 Company to unethical and illegal
7 gratuities to the Department of
8 Environmental Quality staff and
9 employees. We have spoken in regard to
10 Waste Management of Louisiana, Limited
11 Liability Corporation, making an
12 application to the Department of
13 Environmental Quality for modifications,
14 amendments and changes to the solid waste
15 disposal permit in Livingston Parish
16 owned for Woodside Landfill. Those
17 employees and staff did relate to us and
18 admit that those applications were made
19 by for modification and changes of that
20 permit owned by the parish by Waste
21 Management without the knowledge,
22 participation or involvement of
23 Livingston Parish. Mr. Gerald Walter,
24 attorney for Waste Management, testified
25 and told changes to that permit were

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1 granted without DEQ holding public
2 hearings. Now, these are some pretty
3 heavy and serious matters from anybody,
4 including Waste Management people. And
5 I'm fully aware that we have to have
6 Waste Management, or the disposal unit --
7 two minutes. Thank you, sir. Okay.
8 Now, it so happens that the creation of
9 Woodside Landfill began with Livingston
10 Parish Police Jury having a survey made
11 of 100 acres on the (inaudible) forest
12 industries. Now, Mr. Mason told you up
13 front, that they began - Waste
14 Management began solid waste disposal in
15 Livingston Parish. That's not the case.
16 It was American Waste and Pollution
17 Company, Incorporation. And it began
18 with that survey made by the Livingston
19 Parish Police Jury. Subsequent to that,
20 Callahan Industries and American Waste
21 and Pollution entered a 99-year contract.
22 Subsequent to that, the parish police
23 jury bought that land, locking in the
24 liability, the obligation, the
25 responsibility, commitment of the

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1 operation, the liability and everything
2 associated with Woodside Landfill and
3 solid waste disposal in Livingston
4 Parish. Now, we are protesting DEQ
5 holding this public hearing. And we are
6 going to request that you will put a
7 moratorium on this public hearing until
8 some of these allegations that I have
9 made, and are fully support it by volumes
10 of documents found in public record, and
11 we - and we, the citizens and tax payers

12 waste
13 of Louisiana can assure that we're going
14 to get a fair shake. Some things I seen
15 indicate we haven't gotten a fair shake.
16 And this - this is not easy and this is
17 terrible. And - and I'm not blowing any
18 smoke and I'm not polished, and I don't
19 know how to handle things very well, but
20 I've lived a long time. And I've
21 experienced a lot more, I guess, than
22 most people, because I'm a lot older than
23 most people. But DEQ has not exhibited
24 the ability, willingness and capability
25 of giving us a fair shake in solid waste
0088 disposal in Livingston Parish. Thank

1 you.

2 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

3 I'm going to admit Mr. Harris'
4 exhibits as "W4 in globo". It appears
5 that these are various letters from DEQ,
6 signed by J. Dale Givens, and letters to
7 Department and others.

8 All right. It seems that our next -
9 - unless there is someone else from
10 Livingston Parish who wanted to speak,
11 that has signed in, the next group we
12 have is those who are in support of the
13 permit. I have Mike Caldwell.

14 MR. MIKE CALDWELL:

15 Thank you. My name is Mike
16 Caldwell. Two Longlake Place, Woodlands,
17 Texas. I'm the senior director of ground
18 water protection for Waste Management.
19 I'm a registered professional geologist.
20 I have over 27 years experience. I have
21 20 years directly related to hydro-
22 geology work for solid and hazardous
23 waste landfills in the Gulf Coast. I've
24 worked at the Woodside Landfill since
25 1994. As -- as an experienced ground

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1 water professional, knowledgeable of
2 conditions at Woodside, I offer the
3 following conclusions: Water quality
4 data shows no release or releases have
5 occurred from the Woodside Landfill.
6 There are no significant increases above
7 the naturally occurring environmental
8 parameters before the first placement of
9 waste at the landfill. No leachate
10 indicators of volatile organics have been
11 found at any ground water monitoring
12 wells that are installed around the
13 parameter of the facility or inside the
14 facility. The -- the leachate that we
15 manage inside of the landfill, itself,
16 the liquid levels are lower than the
17 adjacent water-bearing zones that are
18 outside of the landfill. And that
19 creates an inward potential gradient.
20 And that type of landfill design is
21 considered one of the most protective
22 landfills designs that we have available

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 24 to us in the industry. Also, besides --
 25 besides that general feature, as -- as
 0090 all of us, we are responsible for our
 1 actions, and we are accountable. And as
 2 both a regional and national director of
 3 ground water protection for Waste
 4 Management, I've always been available
 5 and accountable to answer questions to --
 6 of the public of anything related to
 7 ground water activities at the facility.
 8 I'm here today, and have been for a
 9 number of years. If -- if we review the
 10 data that's been available to us for
 11 ground water monitoring for the last 20
 12 years, 1987 through 2007 -- I'm looking
 13 at our site operating records -- we have
 14 demonstrated that the Woodside Landfill
 15 has not impacted ground water. Woodside
 16 Landfill is a state of the art landfill,
 17 with a demonstrated history of ground
 18 water protection and no adverse impact to
 19 the environment. And I support the
 20 granting of the permit by the DEQ. Thank
 21 you.
 22 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 23 Thank you. Rafael Bermudez?
 24 MR. RAFAEL BERMUDEZ:
 25 Good evening. I'm Rafael Bermudez,
 0091 7341 Jefferson Highway 70806. I've been
 1 a contractor with Waste Management and
 2 Woodside Landfill for about ten years.
 3 I'm a good example of the ripple effect
 4 that they have on the economy. They've
 5 been excellent clients. One thing that
 6 has really impressed me is the quality of
 7 their employees. About 200 of them
 8 showed up here tonight to support their
 9 company. I've met many of them. Worked
 10 with many of them. I've always been
 11 impressed by their professionalism, and I
 12 know they intend and will always do a
 13 good job. And that's why I support this
 14 permit.
 15 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 16 Thank you. Gerald Walton? No?
 17 Okay. Ann Crochet?
 18 MR. GERALD WALTON:
 19 I will waive my right to speak.
 20 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 21 Huh?
 22 MR. GERALD WALTON:
 23 I will waive my right to speak.
 24 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 0092 Okay. That'll be fine.
 1 MS. CROCHET:
 2 And I signed up because of my
 3 earlier statement. Thank you.
 4 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 5 All right. Thank you, Ms. Crochet.
 6 Lance Sanders?
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MR LANCE SANDERS:

My name is Lance Sanders. I live at 1067 (inaudible) Court Drive, Lake, Mississippi. I'm the market area landfill director of landfill operations for Waste Management. I am responsible for the landfills facilities in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas. My market area consists of 17 landfills, 6 transfer - 6 transfer stations. I have worked in solid waste since 1991. Wood - wood - Woodside Landfill has been designed to the highest standards. It operates, meets or exceeds, all regulatory requirements and is considered one of the best in Waste Management. As the director of landfill operations, I oversee Woodside's operations of

construction, permittings, compliance activities, the persons who perform these duties. I am confident of the site operations and proud of this facility. I fully support the approval of this landfill solid waste renewal and the air permit. Thank you.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Jan Casey? Terry Enagger -- Elnagger?

MR. TERRY ELNAGGER:

Elnagger.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Okay. Sorry.

MR. ELNAGGER:

No problem. Mr. Name is Terry Elnagger. At 1924 Forest Oaks Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana. I prepared the air permit application that's currently under review. I'm a registered environmental and civil engineer in the State of Louisiana. And after graduating from LSU in Civil Engineering, I received a master's degree from the University of California at Berkley, concentrating in

environmental transport processes (inaudible) sources and analytical techniques. I have over 20 years experience as a professional environmental engineer in Louisiana and other states. The draft permit proposed for Woodside Landfill is based on data from the landfill, including actual data, as others alluded to, from the installation of the gas collection control system that was installed in 2003. This system is mandated by federal law, to reduce emissions. The actual emissions from the landfill that we've seen, since the installation of the gas system, are less than those in the previous permit applications. All calculations in the current application

19 waste
20 submitted to DEQ after the installation
21 of the gas system, are in accordance with
22 EPA and DEQ requirements. In summary,
23 the current application and the draft
24 permit, more realistically predict the
25 actual gas volume generated at Woodside.
0095 And we also utilize various appropriated
1 factors emission limits that are approved
2 by the regulations. When EPA developed
3 the regulations for solid waste
4 landfills, they found that the quantity
5 of landfill gas varied, considerably.
6 Some landfills generated twice the volume
7 of gas, against the other landfills
8 around the country. Now that the gas
9 system has been in place and operating at
10 Woodside for several years, we found that
11 the gas generated at Woodside is on the
12 very low end of that range that EPA
13 projected. Again, the current
14 application reflects this revised
15 emissions. And that's why the current
16 application has lower emissions, then we
17 did, previously. It is my expert opinion
18 that Woodside's application meets or
19 exceeds the applicable federal and state
20 requirements. Furthermore, the
21 facility's potential to admit
22 (inaudible), which has been a big issue,
23 is below any prevention of significant
24 deterioration, or PSD, fresh water
25 limits. The new permit has a lower
0096 (inaudible) limit that's -- that's not --
1 PSD and is enforceable in the current
2 permit. Woodside's gas system meets or
3 exceeds all federal and state
4 requirements. And I'm opposed - I mean,
5 in support of the current application and
6 confident that limits in the permit will
7 never exceed at the facility. Thank you.
8 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
9 Rene Faucheux?
10 MR. RENE FAUCHEUX:
11 Good evening. I'm Rene Faucheux. I
12 live on 19452 (inaudible) Lane in
13 Covington, Louisiana. And I'm the
14 municipal marketing manager for Waste
15 Management of Louisiana. I'd like to
16 take this opportunity to bring a couple
17 of points as we speak this evening.
18 Number one is that this facility at
19 Woodside is one of Waste Management's
20 largest facilities in our three-state
21 market area: Louisiana, Mississippi and
22 Arkansas. We take great pride in the
23 operation there and we go through
24 extensive - extensive measures to
0097 protect the environment within that
1 operation. Waste Management is the -
2 the leader in environmental stewardship
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4 waste
5 in our industry. In addition to that,
6 the revenue stream that is created for
7 the Parish of Livingston, through this
8 operation, is significant, and it would
9 be irreplaceable if this landfill were to
10 close. I strongly recommend and request
11 the renewal and approval of the air
12 permits. Thank you.

13 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
14 Thank you. Eddie Melancon? Ricky
15 wheat?

16 MR. RICKY WHEAT:
17 My name is Ricky wheat, 19829
18 Highway 42, Livingston. I've worked for
19 the landfill for 20 years. I think we
20 got a good team of people there. Some of
21 the finest craftsmen, I believe,
22 anywhere. Some of the finest
23 professionals anywhere. I believe that
24 anybody you talk to. Very reasonable.
25 Very -- I think, very concerned about the
0098 community. And we just want to continue

1 to do a good job there at this landfill.
2 So that's what we're asking you to do,
3 regulate us. That's what we want. We
4 want you to regulate us. We want you to
5 regulate anything that might harm anyone
6 in this parish. That's - that's where I
7 stand. I didn't get told to say that
8 tonight by my superior. I can stand on
9 my feet and just talk with anybody. And
10 that's - that's - that's what I'm
11 saying tonight. Some of you people are
12 friends of mine that's speaking in
13 opposition to us, but I'm saying to them
14 that we -- we don't want anything to hurt
15 them. We want -- we want to be friends
16 to them. We want to be a good neighbor.
17 And I'm speaking in support of the
18 landfill.

19 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
20 Thank you. Paul Schneider?
21 MR. PAUL SCHNEIDER:
22 My name is Paul Schneider. I live
23 at 15212 Locket Lane in East Baton Rouge
24 Parish. I'm employed by Sigma
25 Environmental, a consultant to waste

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1 Management. Our work with waste
2 Management includes landfill and facility
3 design, permit assistance, and general
4 environmental consulting. Sigma
5 Environmental is a member of the waste
6 Management team that prepared the solid
7 waste permit application renewal. Sigma
8 Environmental has worked with waste
9 Management for eight years. And I have
10 worked with various waste management
11 companies for most of my 27 years as an
12 environmental consultant. The purpose of
13 my statement here tonight is to express
14 my experience with the integrity and

15 waste
16 commitment of Waste Management's Woodside
17 Landfill team. They consistently insist
18 upon quality work that complies with or
19 exceeds every detail of all environmental
20 regulations. The solid waste permit
21 renewal application is no exception. The
22 designation of this application is
23 technically complete by the Department,
24 is a culmination of over three years of
25 work, resulting in a permit document that
meets every requirement. The approval of

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1 this renewal permit, will allow Woodside
2 Landfill to continue for us to provide an
3 important service to Livingston Parish,
4 and the greater Baton Rouge community by
5 providing a safe and secure landfill.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

8 Stanley Watts? Louise Alexander?
9 Gerald Dubuisson -- or you live at -- I'm
10 sorry. I can't read your handwriting.
11 Larry Aaron? Dexter Solomon? Debra
12 Wright? Jessica Mullins? St. Gerard -
13 someone in here that lives on St. Gerard
14 Drive? 4343 St. Gerard in -- in Baton
15 Rouge? I'm sorry. I can't read your
16 handwriting to discern your name.

17 Now, we will go to those who oppose
18 the permit. Heather Gaw?

19 MS. HEATHER GAW:

20 My name is Heather Janice Gaw. I'm
21 a student attorney with the Tulane
22 Environmental Law Clinic. Address is
23 6329 Freret Street, New Orleans,
24 Louisiana 70118. I represent Oneil
25 Couvillion. I'd like to talk about the

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1 air permit today. The - I'd like to
2 discuss why Waste Management has been
3 able to conveniently submit a permit with
4 significant drop levels of emissions, but
5 with no new controls or scientific values
6 to support those drops. The First
7 Circuit Appeals vacated the original
8 Woodside permit, because there were high
9 levels of carbon monoxide emissions. The
10 court required a PSD review to make sure
11 that the air around the facility was not
12 to worsen, to protect the community.
13 Rather than gleam this PSD review, Waste
14 Management resubmitted a new application,
15 and suddenly this new permit with no new
16 controls, miraculously dropped the carbon
17 monoxide levels below the - below the
18 PSD standard. From the 2004 permit
19 application to the current permit
20 application, Waste Management managed to
21 drop the expected carbon monoxide tons
22 per year by 400, simultaneously, while
23 doubling the size of the landfill. The
24 numbers don't seem to make any sense.
25 These numbers are not dropped due to

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1 controls or due to buffers, they are
2 dropped, purely, because of math. Mr.
3 Mason discussed that they're using actual
4 data from the site. However, the permit
5 uses standards from the manufacturer of
6 the landfill flare to calculate the gas
7 emission levels, not the gas control
8 numbers available on site. Waste
9 Management has the ability to monitor the
10 gas flow and the composition of gas -
11 and the composition of the gas emissions.
12 They should have used that emission -
13 those emission numbers in the permit, due
14 to the variance of the landfill gases
15 emitted per day, per time of year,
16 because of the - the waste that are in
17 the landfill. Without using the actual
18 emission info - emission information,
19 Waste Management is not going to be able
20 to find out exactly what they're putting
21 into these flares, what emissions are
22 coming out of these flares, and
23 certainly, will not be able to comply
24 with the permit here today. Further, the
25 permit is for the entire landfill. It's

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1 not just for the gas flare. The gas
2 flares will only encompass waste after
3 five years on the landfill. The permit
4 does not actually specify how much
5 acreage the landfill gases will be
6 encompassed. The numbers vary from 67 to
7 200 to 207, 525. They say that there is
8 a capacity of over 41 million cubic
9 meters, or cubic yards - I can't
10 remember the numbers -- but there is no
11 actual information for the current use or
12 the expected growth of the landfill,
13 through the life of this permit. The
14 permit needs to include these numbers to
15 properly calculate the non-captured
16 gases. Further, this really isn't just
17 about the few individuals that live
18 around the - around the site. The
19 Woodside gas emissions are going to
20 contribute to an 8-hour ozone non-
21 containment area in Livingston Parish.
22 Atmosphere ozone is created by these man-
23 made chemicals such as the nitrogen
24 oxides and volatile organic compounds
25 that are going to be released from the

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1 site. These nitrogen oxides will
2 contribute to environmental problems such
3 as ozone and smog. And these problems
4 contribute to health problems such as
5 breathing difficulties. The air permit
6 will specifically allow these chemicals
7 to contribute to the ozone problem in
8 Livingston Parish and Baton Rouge. By -
9 therefore, by changing the map on these
10 permits, and voiding a PSD review,

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12 they're no longer protecting the
13 community. They're, in fact, endangering
14 it by allowing more of these ozone
15 problems. Therefore, LDEQ should not -
16 not pass this permit. And should, in
17 fact, look to different alternatives or
18 stricter limitations in order to protect
19 the public. Thank you.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

20 Jill Witkowski?

MS. JILL WITKOWSKI:

21 Good evening. My name is Jill
22 Witkowski. I'm the Deputy Director at
23 the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic,
24 located at 6329 Freret Street, New
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1 Orleans, Louisiana 70118. I represent
2 Louisiana Environmental Action Network,
3 Concerned citizens of Livingston Parish,
4 Mr. Oneil Couvillion and Mr. Wayne
5 Breaud. This new air permit is not based
6 on new data. It's based on Waste
7 Management changing the way it's
8 estimating its pollution after the First
9 Circuit vacated its permit, instead of
10 conducting a prevention of significant
11 deterioration review to prove that this
12 gas flare is not going to harm the air
13 quality for the people who live and work
14 around the facility. On August 22, 2007,
15 the First Circuit vacated this air permit
16 for the Woodside Landfill. Waste
17 Management has appealed that to the
18 Supreme Court of Louisiana, who has not
19 yet decided whether they're going to hear
20 the case. When this permit was - the
21 first time it was issued on December 17,
22 2004. Waste Management asked permission
23 to discharge 600 tons per year of carbon
24 monoxide into the air. When a facility
25 discharges that much carbon monoxide, it

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1 triggers federal and state protection,
2 saying you have to go review these air
3 emissions and insure that it protects the
4 air quality. Waste Management asks LDEQ
5 to waive that requirement, and LDEQ
6 granted that. When the permit was issued
7 in December of 2004, my clients appealed
8 that, asking for LDEQ to require that
9 protection. The First Circuit found that
10 the waiver was not based on law and
11 vacated the permit so that LDEQ could go
12 back and do that review. This permit was
13 issued on December 17, 2004. This new
14 data that apparently showed the emission
15 is from March 19, 2004, before LDEQ
16 actually issued the permit. Therefore,
17 this permit is not based on new emissions
18 data. And, in fact, the main problem
19 with this permit is that no one knows
20 what's actually coming out of this flare.
21 Unlike an industrial process, it's

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23 controlled, and where we know exactly
24 what's - what the by-product of the
25 process is and what's coming out of the
0107 flare, this gas is from decomposing

1 waste. It changes. The composition
2 changes, hour by hour, day to day. To
3 really know what's coming out of that
4 flare, you have to know what's going in.
5 And this permit does not require Waste
6 Management to monitor what gas is going
7 into that flare, so if you know what's
8 coming out - so it can show that it's
9 complying with the permit, so it can show
10 the people around, who are living and
11 working around the facility, whether or
12 not the air is clean, whether or not
13 their breathing toxic chemicals. Show
14 us. Show us you're not. Require the
15 monitoring so we can say, yes, you are in
16 compliance or, no, you need to clean up
17 your act. Thank you.

18 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

19 A. J. Lee? Mr. Lee? No? That
20 seems to be all of the registered
21 speakers that I have.

22 At this time, I'm going to recall
23 all of the speakers who signed up, but
24 did not appear, one more time. Charles
25 Bacile? Not here. Buster Bush? Not

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1 here. Mike - I can't read your -- your
2 last name. You live at 4 - 14186
3 Lockhart Lane in Walker. Not here. Kim
4 George? Not here. Willie Underwood?
5 Not here. Paul Payten? Not here.
6 Marvin Francis? Not here. Andrew J.
7 Lee? Not here. David Atlays? Not here.
8 Kenneth Howze, or Howze? Not here. Greg
9 Brown? Not here. Steve Smith? Not
10 here. Royal Every? Not here. Jarred
11 Carroll? Not here. Donald Carroll? Not
12 here. Lemach Delores, Jr.? Not here.
13 Tiffany Martello? Not here. Darrel
14 Fontenot? Not here. Gerald LeBlair, or
15 LeBleu. P.O. Box 1806, Albany. Not
16 here. Malcolm Williams? Not here.
17 Johnny Miles? Not here. Jerry Anders?
18 Not here. Julie Houpy, H-O-U-P-Y, in
19 Holden? Not here. Gerald Walter passes.
20 Ann Crochet passes. Don -- Dan Casey?
21 Not here. Eddie Melancon? Not here.
22 Stanley Watts? Not here. Louise
23 Alexander? Not here. Larry Aaron? Not
24 here. Dexter Solomon? Not here. Debra
25 Wright? Not here. Jessica Mullins? Not

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1 here. The gentleman who lives at St.
2 Gerard Street, with the poor penmanship?
3 Not here.
4 Are there any further comments? You
5 had your hand up first. Please give your
6 name and address for the record, please,

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7 sir.

8 MR. GARY MILLER:

9 My name is Gary Miller. I live at
10 819 Maxine Drive in Baton Rouge,
11 Louisiana. And this is not the way I
12 expected the hearing to go today. The
13 original legislation governing this was,
14 I'm almost - I'm sure, they were
15 supposed to take comments from people
16 supporting the facility, followed by
17 comment -- a comment from someone not
18 supporting the facility. And that's not
19 quite what we had tonight. You had a
20 whole block of people supporting the
21 facility. And then, the people not
22 supporting the facility. Now, they might
23 have changed that legislation since it
24 was first put in almost ten years ago.
25 But I just want to get that on the

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1 record, and I would ask that, as part of
2 the response to public comments, that DEQ
3 please respond to that so that we'll know
4 how this is suppose to work.

5 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

6 Well, I just - that might have been
7 my mistake. I took the - the sheets as
8 they were given to me, as people signed
9 up. And that's -

10 MR. MILLER:

11 It could have been changed. That's
12 the way it was, originally, intended in
13 the original legislation.

14 MR. KIRKPATRICK:

15 All right. Well --

16 MR. MILLER:

17 And the second thing I'd like to
18 say, is tonight I saw - there was a lot
19 of - this -- this is not a confrontation
20 between the workers and the citizens.
21 The workers, you are the first three
22 lines of defense for the citizens. You
23 do your jobs right. You spot mistakes,
24 and -- and fix them, if you find them.
25 And you're the first responders if there

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1 is an accident. So the citizens rely on
2 you. And there - there seemed to be an
3 undertone of the workers versus the
4 citizens. And that's not it, at all.
5 The problems are originating at a much
6 higher level than that. And they are
7 associated with the way that the permit
8 has been issued. And it's very uncommon
9 in Louisiana, any more, to have permits
10 coming out of DEQ that have any
11 contentious items, at all. It just
12 doesn't happen anymore. Unfortunately,
13 it's happened with the previous Woodside
14 air permit. And it's happening, again,
15 with this Woodside air permit. And I
16 guess, I would like to say, if it's at
17 all possible, I would much rather see,

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 19 rather than Waste Management spending
 20 their money on legal costs, is there some
 21 way we can get together and talk through
 22 some of these issues, so that we can -
 23 that money can be spent on resolving
 24 potential problems, both with the
 25 citizens and potentially, at the
 0112 facility. And my first choice would be
 1 monitoring. Monitoring for which the
 2 results are available to the public. And
 3 that would provide a mechanism if there
 4 are problems, the citizens will know
 5 that. And if there are problems, then
 6 Waste Management will know that. It'll
 7 be easy - it will be easy for you to
 8 quickly track those problems down and
 9 resolve any issues that - that may come
 10 forward. Thank you.
 11 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 12 Thank you, sir. Sir?
 13 MR. JEROME KLIER:
 14 Jerome N. Klier, 34440 Mayer Street,
 15 Walker, Louisiana. Spoke earlier.
 16 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 17 Yes, sir.
 18 MR. JEROME KLIER:
 19 But I was impressed by the Waste
 20 Management director of ground water. He
 21 had a lot of data that he talked about
 22 the 38 monitoring wells. It's - I would
 23 like to reiterate my original comments,
 24 and I think some of the previous
 25 speakers, that we need permanent air
 0113 monitor stations, so we can develop or
 1 have that data, just like the ground
 2 water data. I - I feel that that should
 3 be a requirement of this air permit.
 4 MR. KIRKPATRICK:
 5 Thank you, sir. All right. Any
 6 other comments? Seeing no hands or any
 7 other indication. I would like to thank
 8 you. I would like to remind you that the
 9 comment period for this Technically
 10 Complete Solid Waste Permit Renewal
 11 Application, Proposed Part 70 Air
 12 Operating Permit and The Associated
 13 Environment Waste -- Environment
 14 Assessment Statement, excuse me, for
 15 Waste Management of Louisiana, Woodside
 16 Landfill and Recycling Center ends at
 17 12:30 p.m., Monday, April 28, 2008.
 18 All comments received, requests for
 19 notification of the final decision, and
 20 the transcript from the hearing are
 21 processed by the Public Participation
 22 Group and are available on EDMS.
 23 The permit writer reviews all
 24 comments and uses any additional
 0114 information that is appropriate to update
 1 the draft permit.
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The names and addresses of all the commentators, speakers, and those requesting to be notified of the final decision, are added to the Public Comment Database.

A final revision of the draft permit and the response to the public comments are prepared and forwarded to the OES Assistant Secretary for final consideration.

Upon the issuance or denial of the permit, a letter is mailed to all the commentators, speakers, and those who requested to be notified of the final decision. The final decision letter includes information regarding the appeal process, the basis of decision and the response to all the public comments received.

I have received a total of four exhibits during this hearing, regarding the Technically Complete Solid Waste Permit Renewal Application, Proposed Part

70 Air Operating Permit and The Associated Environment Assessment Statement for -- for Waste Management of Louisiana, Woodside Landfill and Recycling Center.

If there are no other comments, I would like to thank you for your participation in this hearing.

Let the record reflect that the time is 9:03 P.M.

This hearing is closed. Thank you.
THE HEARING CONCLUDED AT 9:03 P.M.

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